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In re Application of

Andrew Watson : SUA SPONTE EXERCISE

Application No. 09/453,800 : OF

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Attorney Docket No.: CITI0125-US :

For: Systems and Methods for Building a

Personalized Account

A sua sponte review of the above-noted application file has been conducted. As a result, it has been determined that certain errors on the part of the Office have occurred. In particular, it has been determined that the notice of abandonment mailed September 27, 2011 was erroneously mailed after a petition to revive the application was granted and mailed on September 15, 2011. The purpose of this communication is to correct this error and clarify the record.

A review of the record reveals that a supplemental Examiner's Answer was mailed on July 8, 2009. The Board dismissed the appeal on June 7, 2011 as Appellant failed to respond within the statutory period to either (1) reopen prosecution, or (2) maintain the appeal by filing a reply brief. Appellant filed a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) on June 24, 2011, requesting revival of the application. In addition Appellant submitted an amendment to the claims in order to reopen prosecution. The petition was granted on September 15, 2011. Unfortunately, a notice of Notice of Abandonment was erroneously mailed on September 27, 2011.

In view of the fact that a petition granting revival of the application was mailed on September 15, 2011, the holding of abandonment on September 27, 2011 was improper and premature. Accordingly, the Notice of Abandonment is hereby **VACATED** and the amendment submitted on June 24, 2011 will be forwarded to the Head Supervisory Legal Instrument Examiner for entry and then forwarded to the examiner for consideration.

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